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Voices from the past

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Lacrosse team takes the title

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Photo courtesy of Adrianne Murdock

The BYU lacrosse team celebrates its national championship victory over Colorado State University on Saturday.

"Anything can happen!"

That was the rallying cry of the sixth-seeded BYU men's lacrosse team heading into the national club championships in St. Louis last Wednesday.

Four games and four days later, the Cougars defeated Colorado State 17-13 to emerge as national champions for the second time in four trips.

The Cougars took the field Saturday afternoon against regional rival Colorado State. With over 1,000 fans looking on — by far the largest crowd BYU has ever played for — the Cougars fought the Rams for the third time this year.

CSU had beaten BYU twice already, once in the regular season and later at the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Lacrosse League championship.

Both losses came in Colorado, with Colorado referees calling the game and Colorado fans heckling the Cougars.

This time the game was played on neutral turf with neutral officials.

"We all knew we could beat (CSU). We thought we had a better advantage because the game was on neutral ground," said BYU attacker Steve Austin.

Last year, BYU won the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Lacrosse League championship, but not the national championship. This year the tables were turned.

"I told (the team) that Colorado State was the regional champion, but we could come away as the national champions," said Coach Jason Lamb.

"I don't have to motivate these guys to play tough against a team that's beat us. We did not want Colorado State to win the national championship."

Colorado State led 3-2 after one quarter, but the Cougars took the lead on the offensive potency of midfielder Troy Taylor (5 goals, 2 assists), and never looked back.

Taylor and Austin (3 goals, 1 assist) combined for 11 of BYU's 17 points.

Additional offensive contributions came from midfielder Dan Murdock (3 goals), attacker Rex Hardy (2), midfielder Tom Hawes (2) and midfielder Dave Rueckert (2). On the defensive end, goalie Dave Johnson had 13 saves in the championship game.

Not only did BYU claim the national title, they also took home three Most Valuable Player awards.

Attacker Rex Hardy was named national tournament MVP after scoring 12 goals and dishing out three assists.

Although Hardy didn't get the most statistics, he did the most damage, Coach Lamb said.

"Teams stuck their best defenders on our top two guns (Hardy and Austin), and that allowed other players to step up," said Lamb.

"They drew most of the attention and that opened up a lot of opportunities."

Co-captain Dan Murdock agreed with Lamb. He said he believes Hardy and Austin are some of the best players in the league.

'When Rex is out on the field he completely dominates," Murdock said.

"He is such a powerhouse that he draws a lot of attention, which allows a lot of midfielders to score goals."

Hardy wasn't the only one who came away with national honors. Austin, who tallied 16 total points during the tournament (13 goals, 3 assists), was given the offensive MVP award and Johnson was awarded defensive MVP.

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Chris Parkinson/Universe

Whitney Lake, a sophomore from St. Louis, leads the Student Development marathon training class on a 7-mile run up Provo Canyon Saturday morning.

Class trains students for marathons

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The BYU marathon class can be found running during every Saturday sunrise.

Twenty-five students are training to participate in 26-mile marathons.

Dianne Nielsen, a BYU psychology intern, started the class Spring Term. She said running is a way to increase what can be accomplished in a way that is more than just physical.

This is an opportunity for students to figure out motivational questions and a chance to struggle with commitment, Nielson said.

The class is one credit hour under Student Development 214R, according to www.byu.edu/ccc/Student_Development/marathon.htm.

"The class is a huge support system," said Pamella Whipple, 19, a sophomore from Eugene, Ore., majoring in health sciences.

The class meets once a week to hear speakers discuss nutrition, running success stories, relaxation and motivation.

The class is structured after the University of Iowa's successful marathon class, which is so popular that a lottery is necessary to decide who can take the class, Nielsen said.

Students must run four days a week. Then on Saturdays at 7 a.m., they have a long run, which is about seven miles. They will eventually increase their distance to 18 miles, Nielsen said.

Nielsen, who runs with her class, said if students are trained to run 13 miles they could join the class Summer Term.

Hillary Gertsch, 19, a sophomore from Midway, Wasatch County, majoring in business management, said she took the class to help her train and because she wanted to be with people who loved to run as much as she did.

Gertsch said she loves the excitement of being part of something big and challenging.

Most of the students are training to run in the Logan Top of Utah Marathon in September and the St. George Marathon in October, Nielsen said.

Stacie Dougher from Provo said this class is helping her achieve a lifelong goal.

Whipple said the best part about the class is coming back from a run having accomplished more than the day before.

Victims of rape forbidden to sue in federal court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Rape victims cannot sue their attackers in federal court, the Supreme Court ruled Monday, saying it is up to the states – not Congress – to give such help to women victimized by violence.

The 5-4 ruling threw out a key provision of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act and continued the court's trend of expanding states' rights at the expense of the federal government.

"The Constitution requires a distinction between what is truly national and what is truly local," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

The justices barred a federal lawsuit by former Virginia Tech student Christy Brzonkala against two football players she says raped her in a dormitory room.

Brzonkala "alleges that she was the victim of a brutal assault," Rehnquist said. "If the allegations here are true, no civilized system of justice could fail to provide her a remedy.... But under our federal system that remedy must be provided by the commonwealth of Virginia, and not by the United States."

Kathy Rodgers of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented Brzonkala, said, "I consider this to be a severe blow for women's rights because of the chilling effect it will have on Congress."

"Congress identified a kind of gender discrimination," Rodgers said. "Congress is trying to address that with a creative, specific solution and the court says, 'No, you can't do that.'"

Attorney Michael E. Rosman, who argued the case on behalf of the two men sued by Brzonkala, called the ruling "a very good day for the Constitution and the rule of law." People who allege they are victims of gender-based violence "have perfectly good remedies in state court," he said.

The decision affirmed a federal appeals court decision that threw out Brzonkala's lawsuit against student athletes Antonio Morrison and James Crawford. Brzonkala has allowed her name to be disclosed.

"Gender-motivated crimes of violence are not, in any sense of the phrase, economic activity," Rehnquist said. The justices rejected arguments by Brzonkala's lawyer and the Clinton administration that the law was needed because states are not doing enough to protect rape victims, and because gender-based violence restricts women's choices in jobs and travel.

That argument "would allow Congress to regulate any crime as long as the nationwide, aggregated impact of that crime has substantial effects on employment, production, transit or consumption," Rehnquist said. "Indeed, if Congress may regulate gender-motivated violence, it would be able to regulate murder or any other type of violence."

The case is a follow-up to the Supreme Court's 1995 ruling that struck down as unconstitutional a law that made it a federal crime to possess a gun within 1,000 feet of a school. The justices said gun possession was not sufficiently linked to interstate commerce and that the law usurped state authority over such crimes.

At the White House, President Clinton issued a statement saying he is "deeply disappointed" that victims may no longer sue in federal court.

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track coach talk about orts, religion

Willard Hirschi

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—Sarah Nelson

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ound dead der truck in t Lake City

RTH SALT LAKE — Two men found dead in the tanker of trailer truck after being me by asphalt fumes at Transportation in North Salt ity.

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co-worker found the two after they had been missing out a half hour, Harder

victims were identified as any co-owner Kelly on and his nephew Joshua on.

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— Associated Press

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ause of the fire is still investigation and there apparent signs of the use lerants, Woods said. But Williamson, a student at Hills, said he saw a boy o girls light it on fire.

l will proceed as schedut the burned area will be ed off until the school displaces the playground. In e, "the real losers are the Woods said.

— Emily Bell

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Palestinian protests take deadly turn

RAMALLAH, West Bank – Carefully orchestrated Palestinian protests spun out of control Monday and escalated into gun battles between Israeli troops and Palestinian police that killed four Palestinians and injured more than 330 people.

At one West Bank junction, Israeli snipers commandeered a Palestinian-run hotel and took aim at Palestinian gunmen in buildings nearby. Hotel guests and staff, including nine Americans, were trapped in the lobby.

Across the Palestinian lands, thousands battled Israeli soldiers with rocks and firebombs. Streets were littered with stones, and white clouds of tear gas and black smoke from burning tires rose into the air. Helmeted Israeli soldiers took aim from behind trash bins, and Palestinian gunmen fired from behind buildings and bushes.

Man loses custody, takes hostages

HJELMELAND, Norway – A man charged with rape and upset over losing custody of his children took 25 students and 10 adults hostage at a preschool Monday, holding some for 11 hours until he was allowed a televised interview with psychologists.

The gunman held the 35 hostages for hours in a wooden schoolhouse in Hjelmeland, a town of 2,500 people 185 miles west of the capital, Oslo, before releasing all but five children and two female staff members.

The last seven hostages appeared to be in good condition after the gunman surrendered.

Police confirmed that the hostage taker was armed, but refused to release the hostage taker's name or say what kind of weapon he had.

Bush: Invest Social Security in stocks

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. — George W. Bush proposed letting Americans invest Social Security taxes in the stock market Monday, seeking support from the millions of people who have thrived in a booming market.

Presidential rival Al Gore condemned the idea as a dangerous gamble that would turn the solemn obligations of the 65-year-old retirement plan into "a system of winners and losers."

In what could be one of the defining issues of the general election campaign, Bush outlined his plans for modernizing Social Security in a speech to senior citizens.

If elected, he said, "this generation and this president will save Social Security."

Bush raised a vision that under his plan — with many details still to come — "a worker who invests even a limited portion of his or her paycheck could, over a career, end up with hundreds of thousands of dollars for retirement."

Some residents return to Los Alamos

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — More than three-quarters of Los Alamos was reopened to residents Monday, while the fire that burned down 260 homes raged out of control on other fronts, including an Indian reservation where historic sites have been destroyed.

Residents were allowed back into the less-damaged parts of this town of 11,000, but Police Chief Rich Melton said they would have to get by without gas and electricity, possibly for a week.

The gigantic blaze, with an 89-mile perimeter, was burning into a canyon Monday on the edge of an Indian reservation, where tribal fire spokesman Alvin Warren said it destroyed some "culturally sensitive archaeological sites" over the weekend.

Firefighters have kept the flames away from tribal homes at the Santa Clara Pueblo, where about 1,500 people live. The fire came within a quarter-mile of cliff dwellings in a hunting and fishing area about 15 miles northeast of Los Alamos.

Weather

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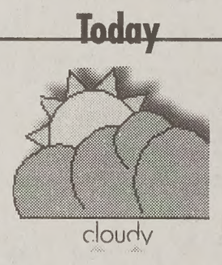
High	82 as of		
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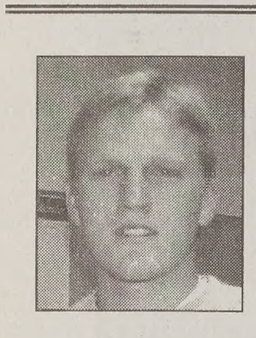
Year to date	8.35"		

sources: BYU Geology Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

— Romans 1:16

Lukas Dean, a freshman from Orem with an open major likes this scripture because, "We can show that we're not ashamed of the gospel through Christ-like actions."

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Weekly Calendar

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Tuesday

Devotional
11 a.m., JSB Auditorium. Willard M. Hirschi, BYU Men's Track Coach. Broadcast to 2084 JKHB, the Varsity Theatre, and W-111 BNSN.
Provo City Council Meeting
Council chambers, 351 West Center St., 7 p.m.
Orem City Council Meeting
56 North State St., 6 p.m.
QuickStart Workshop on graphics and publications
The BYU Instructional Technology Center is offering a computer training series. For more information, call 378-7090.
Orem Blitz
Community revitalization project will be going on all week to beautify Orem.
Disabled Fishing Derby
The division of Wildlife Resources will be hosting the event at Salem Pond.

Wednesday

Mountain West Conference Track and Field Championship
12:30 p.m., BYU track. Admission $10 Wednesday to Saturday.
Violence in America's schools
Bradley Thompson, a visiting professor from Utah State University, will speak at 3 p.m. in 250 SWKT.
Sewing Et Al Conference
Basic sewing skills, as well as intermediate and advanced seamstress skills will be taught from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Harman Building. Registration fee is $132.
"Voices From Black Canyon: A Hoover Dam Kaleidoscope"
Play opens and runs through June 3, in the de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC. Admission $10 or $8 with student ID. 7:30 p.m.
GRE prep course
Course sponsored by Conferences and Workshops. The cost of the course is $175. For more information call 378-3550.

Thursday

Father's and Son's Basketball Camp
Sponsored by the Conference Center, with instruction by Steve Cleveland. Registration is $250 for father, $250 for first son and $195 for each additional son. For more information, call 378-4851.
Mountain West Conference Track and Field Championship
12 p.m., BYU track.
QuickStart Workshop on graphics and publications
The BYU Instructional Technology Center is offering a computer training series. For more information, call 378-7090.
GMAT prep course
Course sponsored by Conference and Workshops. The cost of the course is $220.
Sewing Et Al Conference
Basic sewing skills, as well as intermediate and advanced seamstress skills will be taught from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Harman Building. Registration fee is $132

Friday

Playwright lecture
Toby Armour, speaking at 6 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC, about her play, "Voices From Black Canyon: A Hoover Dam Kaleidoscope."
Voice Recital
Olivia Garcia performing, Madsen Recital Hall, HFAC. Admission free. 7:30 p.m.
Mountain West Conference Track and Field Championship
12 p.m., BYU track.
QuickStart Workshop on graphics and publications
The BYU Instructional Technology Center is offering a computer training series. For more information, call 378-7090.

Saturday

Mountain West Conference Track and Field Chammpionship
1-5 p.m., BYU track.

Do not be afraid of opposition. Remember a kite rises against, not with, the wind.

-- Hamilton Mabie

Utah company to make bulletproof car windo

Associated Press

OGDEN, Utah – Growing concern about carjackings and road-rage violence has prompted a Utah company to offer bullet-proof car windows as protection against such random acts.

International Armoring Corp., a supplier of fully armored automobiles to business, government and religious leaders in more violent parts of the world, replaces the front and side windows of domestic vehicles for $3,850.

The ballistic glass, made with an acrylic polycarbonate laminate, is three-quarters of an inch thick and can stop bullets from a .357 magnum, a 9mm and .44 magnum. Installation takes about one day.

"It's now time for this because there are enough of these incidences that we need to say, 'Here is an option available to you,"' said company CEO Mark Burton.

Carjackings and road-rage incidents are not tracked in Utah.

Burton acknowledged the cost of the procedure is steep, but said motorists already spend thousands of dollars on alarm systems. He expects people will jump at the chance to give themselves and their families a little added protection.

IAC has already received some 200 orders for domestic ballistic windows in Utah since it began promoting the procedure two months ago, Burton said. He said IAC was the only company in the state offering the service.

"We're hoping these windows are never used, but the protection is there when you need it," Burton said.

IAC has nearly 200 employees worldwide with plants in Ogden, Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala and Mexico.

It made its name wit armored vehicles suc $110,000 Jeep Grand The vehicle is protecte high-powered weapon senger compartment is and its gas tank, battery tronic control module a ant to gunfire and explo even withstands a bomb

The price includes r bumpers and rubberize tires inside the vehicl tires. This allows the Je on the rubberized plast speeds of up to 60 mph flat.

IAC has completed c political figures includ Perot, Hollywood starsu Sylvester Stallone and Vatican, manufactur bubble-shaped Popemob

'Mormon crickets' infest Uta

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They eat screens off doors and windows.

They destroy lawns, shrubs and trees.

They are called "Mormon crickets," although there is no record of the insect's baptism into the LDS Church, and their destruction seems to be indiscriminate, plaguing non-Mormons as well as Mormons.

In the western part of the state, grasshopper and cricket concentrations have been so dense as to cause danger to traffic, said Rep. Jim Hansen in a news release. Roads actually become slippery because of the number of crickets per square yard, he said.

According to Hansen, a count of eight grasshoppers per square yard is considered an infestation.

Recent surveys of grasshopper populations in the western Utah counted as many as 177 grasshoppers per square yard, he said.

Mormon crickets have invaded about 750,000 acres throughout the state, including 5,000 acres in Utah County, according to the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

Similarly, an estimated 500,000 acres statewide are infested with grasshoppers. Official things to get worse as mer progresses.

"The grasshoppers are as we speak," said Unit Department of Agricul Control Coordinato Abbott.

Hansen announced M he secured $1 million U.S. Bureau of Land ment to begin the proces veying and killing the g pers and Mormon cricke

Sen. Bob Bennett said ure has also been passe Senate Appropriations tee to allow the secretary culture to use more em funds to combat the plag

lacrosse
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Austin was a key player against Simon Fraser University, scoring eight goals and giving two assists. He was also a solid contributor against Sonoma State and Colorado State.

"It's a great honor. I just got lucky. There were other players out there who were just as deserving," Austin said.

Johnson had the highest save percentage of all goalies in the tournament at 59.7 percent, saving 55 of 92 shots on goal.

"I'm surprised and happy. I've played (lacrosse) since I was seven and this is the first national award I have ever received," Johnson said.

Austin praised Johnson on his efforts. Whenever the defense might have slipped up, Johnson made great saves, he said

In addition to the MVP BYU landed several pla the all-tournament Defenseman Aaron joined Hardy, Austi Johnson for the first tea Taylor and defenseman Hunt were named to the team.

Keys to victory include anced scoring effort, defense and a feeling o dence.

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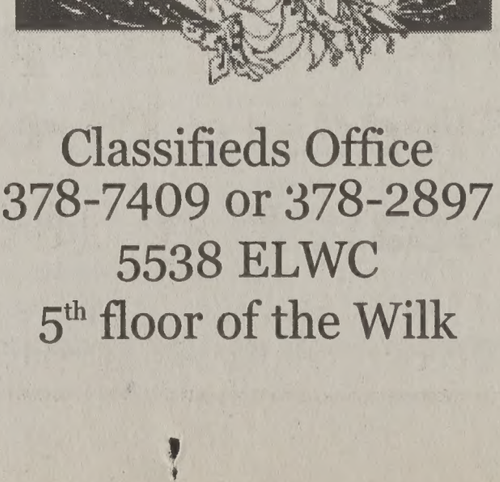

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Reptiles creep onto stage

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A live reptile show in the Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum teaches children and students about the world's animals.

"Activities like this allow our children to see things they wouldn't normally see," said Amy Wilson, a local resident and mother of two.

The show features Montie the python, Stubby the iguana and Bob the box turtle. Other reptiles like alligators and crocodiles are discussed.

Lou Anne Lillywhite, a senior majoring in elementary education, presents the reptile show.

She said the show gives students a hands-on opportunity to learn what animals they can touch without getting hurt.

Mel Garnar, a Provo resident, brought his grandchildren to the event to familiarize them with the cold-blooded creatures.

"Some reptiles are dangerous, but some aren't," Garnar said. "I want them to see and touch these animals so they will say in their little minds, 'I felt that snake and it didn't hurt me.'"

"Kids can learn safety skills like how to run away from alligators or which snakes are poisonous," said Julie Geilman, a junior from Twin Falls, Idaho, majoring in English.

Visitors also learn about the animals that creep around Provo.

Garnar said the BYU student who presented the show created a great atmosphere because she was sensitive to the fears of the children and students.

"Her quiet voice and gentleness is absorbed by the group," Garnar said. "The children and adults follow her example when handling the animals."

Geilman said most animals are more scared of people than people are of them. If people are comfortable with them, they will be comfortable with people, she said.

Reptile shows are presented every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Monday at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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...enior John Benson and ...YU graduate Becky Tate ...ap with UVSC students ...son and Logan Clark to ...ityNet Systems, the win... ...iness plan.

...udents received $10,000 ...l $20,000 in goods and services from the Wayne Brown Institute.

"Winning was encouraging. To know that other people feel our idea is feasible gives me the assurance that we will do very well," Wilson said.

CityNet Systems is designed to provide fast Internet access to students.

The plan involves wiring an apartment complex with multiple Internet lines, making competition for the phone line a thing of the past.

"Right now, you have one phone line for six roommates. Our plan involves installing fast T-1 Internet connections in an apartment, two jacks per room, plus one in the living room," Benson said.

He said the plan will also provide network connections within an apartment complex and will be more affordable than current packages.

"Aside from being substantially cheaper than the Internet hookup that current students are paying for, our connections will be faster and complexes will be networked to allow students to share hard drive space if they wish," Benson said.

CityNet Systems has already begun implementing its program.

"We are full-fledged underway in starting our company. The competition gave us the full push we needed to start our company. Hopefully the company will be functioning by July," Tate said.

The second place award went to BYU students Nathan Gardner and Justin Maybe. Their entry received $3,000 cash to help start their Internet business, i-Moments.com.

The Web site provides planning assistance and products for special events like weddings, graduations and births, Gardner said.

Y students to study down under

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A new study abroad program will give BYU education majors first-hand experience in a New Zealand classroom.

After three years of collaboration, BYU will offer a study abroad program in Auckland, New Zealand, according to program director Janet Young.

Tired of "one size fits all" education programs in the United States, BYU has integrated New Zealand's approach to teacher education into its teacher preparation program, Young said.

Young, who will direct the first elementary education study abroad semester in August, also said they are working with New Zealand because of the nation's high record in literacy education.

"In New Zealand there is a tremendous emphasis on preparing knowledgeable teachers," Young said.

"New Zealand has high quality intervention available when young children have difficulty learning to read and write. Teachers work hard to see what each child needs on an individual basis."

Fifteen BYU students will stay with LDS families while studying in New Zealand.

"The students will complete the same coursework as they would if they stayed in Provo. The difference is that their practicum experience will occur in New Zealand classrooms," Young said.

The study abroad programs help fulfill President Merrill J. Bateman's goal for students and faculty to become ambassadors of BYU, giving the BYU experience to more people, said Marie Tuttle, associate dean of the McKay School of Education.

James AuMu, an LDS education director in Auckland, will teach a course on the history of the LDS Church in the South Seas.

The New Zealand consultants, Sue Mooney and Allison Davis, will become adjunct BYU professors for the study abroad program.

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'Battlefield Earth' crashes and burns

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John Travolta's pet project, "Battlefield Earth," couldn't succeed even if it had wanted to. It was doomed from the start.

The story, a novel by sci-fi great turned Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, is a 1,000-plus-page tome of science-fiction genius. Or so they tell me.

The movie, however, was merely a 117-minute science-fiction cliché.

- Film Review -
Battlefield Earth
PG-13: intense sci-fi violence and mild profanity
Daily Universe rating: ★

The story centers around Johnny Goodboy Tyler, played by Barry Pepper, the Bible-quoting sharpshooter in "Saving Private Ryan."

Tyler is a tribesman who believes there is more to the world than the cave-dwelling existence he's been leading.

He leaves his tribe in search of food and to prove to the tribe's elders that their "demons" aren't real (the demons being Travolta's band of Psychlos, the alien race that controls Earth.)

Johnny is, of course, captured and becomes a slave. But he turns out to be a rebellious cuss and troublemaker to boot. Not to mention he can learn — something the Psychlos are convinced isn't in human nature.

Tyler eventually gains enough knowledge to lead an attack on his captors and free Earth.

The film's director, Roger Christian, the man who brought us the impossibly mindless "Masterminds," relies too heavily on special effects to carry the plot.

Bands of rebels fly 1,000 year-old Harrier jets from Ft. Hood and use 1,000-year-old weapons to mount their resistance. The fight scenes were shot well, but cavemen flying fighter jets that are 1,000 years old? Give the audience a little credit.

The film's cinematography was dark and awkward. Giles Nuttgens, whose last big project was NBC's 1999 remake of "Alice in Wonderland," did nothing to help the film.

The low camera angles used to make the Psychlos look taller and the crooked camera angles used to make the movie look more severe simply gave the film a Batman-TV-show feel.

The screenplay, penned by first-timer Corey Mandell, was shallow and disjointed. Scenes that were supposed to inspire the audience to believe in the potential of man came off as preachy and insipid.

My favorite scene showcasing Mandell's gray writing has Tyler giving an eerily familiar let's-take-back-our-planet speech to the slaves still locked up in cages.

The slaves get psyched up and start jumping around their cages, rattling the bars and shouting at their captors, making the audience feel like they're in the primate house at the local zoo.

Production and costume designer Patrick Tatopoulos, the same one who did the creature effects for "Independence Day" and "Godzilla," was really the only thing the film had going for it.

Earth 3000 A.D. looked good. Remnants of big metropolitan cities and amusement parks, parking garages and shopping malls all had a slight Mad Max feel to them.

The guns, vehicles and technology all looked very smart. However, you'd think the guy that created the alien for "ID4" could have made John Travolta look more menacing than a 10-foot-tall rasta Klingon.

I was most disappointed with Travolta. Certainly one of the better character actors in the business, his performance in "Battlefield Earth" was reduced to a high-pitched cackling and exclaiming "pathetic humans" every other scene.

I thought certainly someone who has played cool, calculating evil so well in so many films in the past would have little problems selling his character. But nowhere is the self-important evil of Vic Deakins or the playful cruelty of Chili Palmer.

The film falls flat on its face.

'Voices' to tell story of the Depres

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"Voices From Black Canyon: A Hoover Dam Kaleidoscope" brings the story of the building of Hoover Dam to the Harris Fine Arts Center.

Rodger Sorensen, director of the play, said the play uses an arrangement of voices to tell the stories of the people who worked on the construction of the dam.

The play depicts the harsh conditions that existed for the workers and their families who lived in Ragtown, a desolate town with no running water, no houses, no medical facilities and extremely high temperatures.

"The play addresses the people and conditions of the Depression through the first five months of the construction," Sorensen said.

"Voices From Black Canyon" shares these experiences through "voices that come to us from prehistory all the way through the construction of the dam," he said.

The play centers around different voices — historical, mystical, silent and vocal, he said.

"The voices tell the story," Sorensen said.

One significant voice used in the production is American Sign Language, he said.

Four main signers, two of whom come from the ASL Department, sign throughout the production. Other cast members have also learned sign language solely for use in the play, Sorensen said.

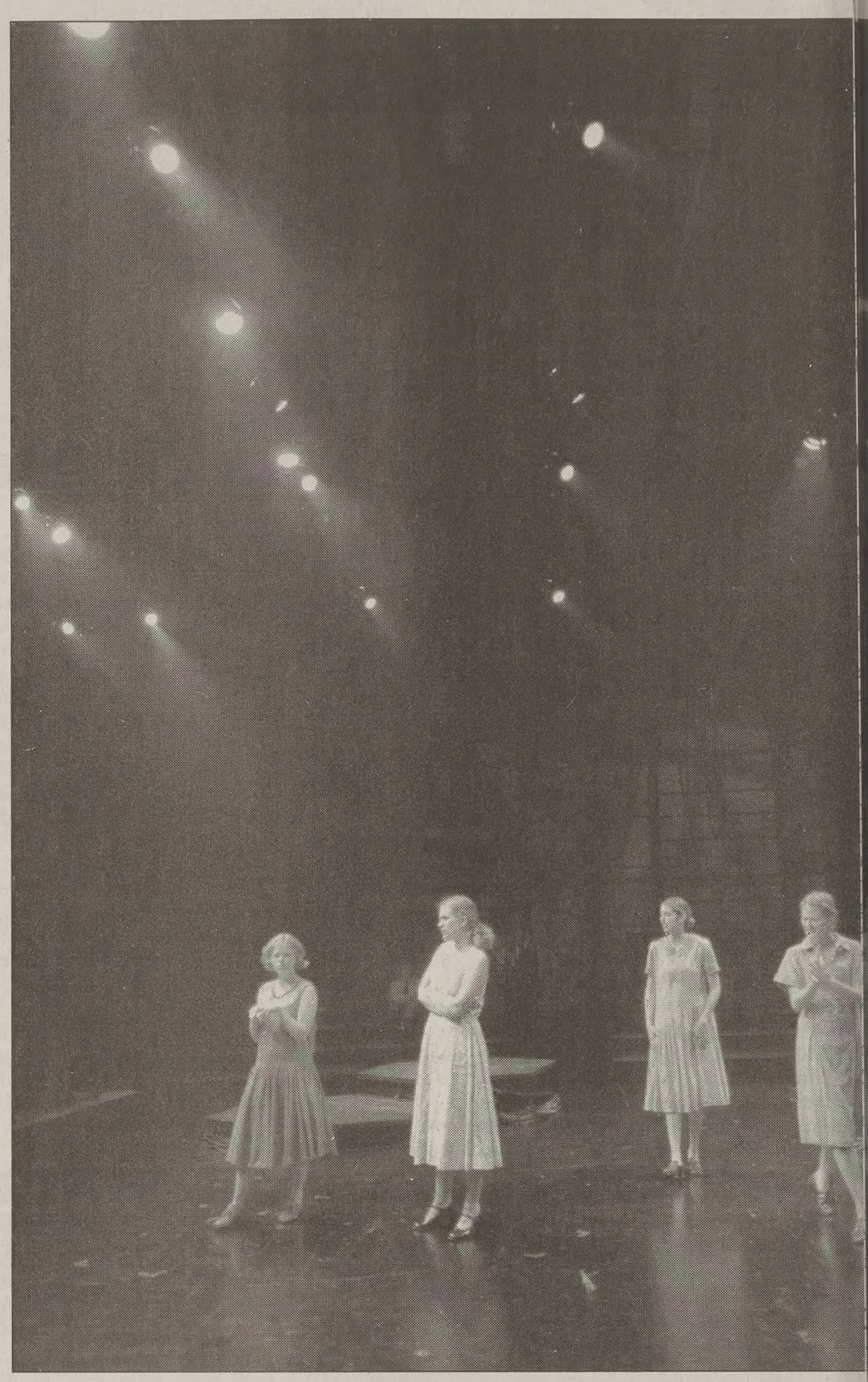
Cathy McClellan, the set designer, said the set design is another unusual feature of the play. The audience is seated around three sides of the stage in the concert hall, she said.

The set's unrealistic appearance gives the feeling of a place that doesn't exist, allowing the stories and struggles to be told and interpreted as they really were, McClellan said.

"The design is a symbolic interpretation of what's going on," McClellan said.

"Voices From Black Canyon" opens Wednesday and runs through June 3.

Tickets are $10, $2 off with BYU or student ID.



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Cast members for "Voices From Black Canyon: A Hoover Dam Kaleidoscope" rehear... Jong Concert Hall in the HFAC Saturday. The play, which tells the tale of Hoover Dam... tion workers, opens Wednesday.

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hoops team inks Utah's top recruit

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e BYU men's basketball team added er recruit -- widely regarded as Utah's igh school prospect -- to what was ly considered one of the best recruiting s in the country when Garner Meads oaches Saturday he would sign with the rars.

eads, a 6-foot-9 power forward from ton High School in Salt Lake City, was ly rated on ESPN.com as one of the top spects in the country. He is one of only layers in Utah history to be named to the onald's All-America team, and he also the Parade Magazine All-America third team.

With high-school standouts Jesse Pinegar, also from Brighton, and Derek Dawes of Salt Lake's Cottonwood High already signed, the Cougars' recruiting class for next year had already been touted as one of the top 20 in the nation.

"I'm excited to come play for Coach Cleveland," Meads said. "I've enjoyed watching (the Cougars) improve. BYU is definitely on its way up."

The Cougars have made significant progress each year under third-year coach Steve Cleveland, who guided the team to a 22-11 record this past season. Cleveland took over a program that was just 1-25 in the woeful 1996-97 campaign.

BYU lost only one senior from this year's team. The fact that the entire starting lineup will return next season factored into Meads' decision to come to BYU.

"I considered who I would be playing with, and who I'd have the opportunity to practice against," Meads said. "I felt that (playing at BYU) would prepare me well before my mission, and help me to know what to expect when I get back."

Meads, who had said earlier that he would serve a church mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints before playing college ball, decided to play next season in Provo before leaving for his mission.

As a senior this past season, Meads averaged 22 points and 12 rebounds a game for Brighton. He helped lead the Bengals to the Class 5A state championship game.

Good regional performance sends Y golfer to nationals

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The season ended for all but one of BYU women's golf team Saturday with a 20th place finish at the West Regional Tournament at Karsten Golf Course in Tempe, Ariz.

BYU's team leader, Carrie Summerhays, was one of three individual golfers to qualify for the NCAA Championship tournament May 24-27 in Oregon. She finished the three-day tournament at 1-over-par 217, tied for sixth place overall.

"I'm definitely excited about qualifying," Summerhays said in a news release. "I just tried to do my best and felt like if it happens, it happens. It wasn't my best score but I gave my best effort and it was good enough."

As of Monday, Summerhays is ranked 40th in the country by Golf Week. She was named Co-Mountain West Conference Player of the Year, and was one of four amateur golfers chosen to represent the United States in U.S./Japan matches in Japan.

The women's team went into the regional tournament ranked 23rd out of 24 teams. Head coach Gary Howard said they were looking to finish "higher than we're ranked."

BYU players shot a 12 over par 300 in the last round, moving them ahead of California and MWC champion New Mexico for 20th place. For the tournament, the team shot 310-312-300- 922.

ougars scratch Lobos in home finale

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BYU baseball team will the Mountain West onference Tournament as the h seed this week at UNLV's Wilson Stadium.

Cougars will play rival bo-seeded Utah Wednesday at

Cougars clinched the third ast Saturday after beating lace New Mexico Saturday, hind Nate Fernley's strong ng performance.

is first career start for the ers, the right-handed reliever he distance, allowing only ts and one run on his way to just the sixth complete or BYU this season.

ey went to work early, retir- first 12 batters he faced. ruck out four and didn't the Lobos' high-powered a single hit through four of play.

t good out there," Fernley After the first few batters I e I really got into a groove."

For the Lobos' part, starting pitcher Brandon Wells had allowed only one hit in the first three innings. But with two outs in the bottom of the fourth, right-fielder Matt Carson and third-baseman Kainoa Obrey each singled to put runners on first and second for the Cougars.

First baseman Ty Haguewood then drove Wells 2-1 offering deep to center field.

"He threw me a curve ball, but he left it up a little," Haguewood said later. "When I saw the center-fielder turn and sprint to the wall I knew I hit it well enough."

With the win, BYU improved to 27-27 overall, and finished 15-15 in the Mountain West Conference.

Despite Saturday's loss, the conference-leading Lobos got the best of the Cougars, winning the first two games of the three-game series on Cougar Field Thursday and Friday.

"These guys know we can compete with every team in the league," said Head Coach Vance Law. "I think the guys will show up in Las Vegas ready to play."

Chris Parkinson/Universe

Larry H. Miller breaks ground for BYU's new baseball/softball complex at Cougar Field before Saturday's baseball game. For more on the groundbreaking visit NewsNet.byu.edu.

ftball finishes first season with losses in MWC tourney

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ougars ended their inaugu- ball season with an overall of 16-27, finishing fifth in ountain West Conference.

year coach Mary Kay e was pleased with her overall performance this

y've had to face a lot of ty throughout the season, m very proud of them," e said.

ougars were eliminated in nd round of the inaugural Mountain West Conference Softball Championship after losing to UNLV 1-0.

BYU struggled to get anything going offensively. Second baseman Jackie Ellis recorded the only hit on the day for the Cougars in the fifth inning.

"Their pitcher kept us off speed. We couldn't get any solid hits," Amicone said.

The Cougars played well on defense and were able to keep the game scoreless until the fifth inning when the Rebel bats proved tough. Two hits to the outfield and a sacrifice bunt all contributed to the scoring run.

Maryon Dewitt pitched all six innings for the Cougars allowing only two hits and striking out five. She finished the season with a record of 9-10.

In the regular season, the Cougars beat the Rebels three out of four times.

On Friday the Cougars suffered their first loss of the tournament to Colorado State 3-0, to bring their season record against Colorado State to 1-4.

The Rams pulled ahead early in the first inning when Jennie Orozco hit a home run to left field, allowing two runs to score.

Lindsay Jones started as pitcher for the Cougars, but was replaced by Dewitt after giving up three hits and two runs. Dewitt allowed four hits, one run and struck out four batters.

The Cougars were never able to score. They left a total of ten runners on base, most in scoring position.

"We had three opportunities to lay down a sacrifice bunt but we couldn't execute and it cost us the game," Amicone said.

Leftfielder Liz Smith led the team with two hits and extended her hitting streak to seven games.

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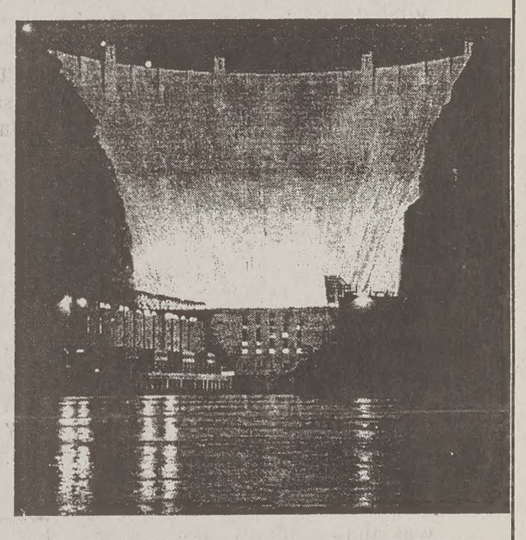

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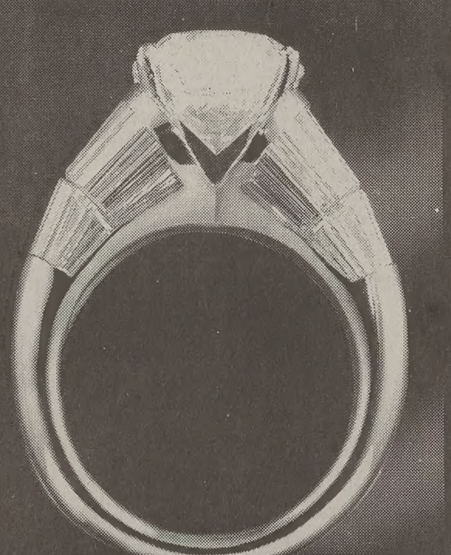

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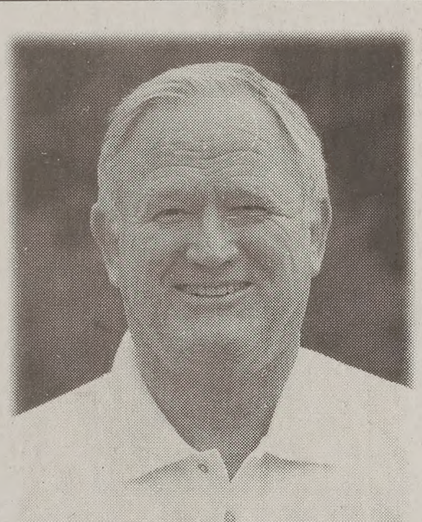

Willard M. Hirschi

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Willard M. Hirschi is a Rockville, Utah, native. He has attended BYU, Arizona State University, and Stanford University and has completed course work for his doctoral degree. After various teaching and coaching positions, he joined the BYU faculty in 1964 as a health science teacher and volunteer track coach. He was appointed men's head track coach in 1989.

A state hurdles champion as well as an honored football, baseball, and basketball player in high school, Willard Hirschi became a conference hurdles champion in college and was on the track and basketball teams while attending BYU. He has been a coaching clinic lecturer around the United States and abroad and has published books and articles in his fields of expertise.

Under Coach Hirschi's direction, BYU's track teams have won 21 WAC and Mountain West Conference indoor and outdoor championships out of a possible 24. His track teams were named Men's Athletic Team of the Year in 1994 and 1997; he has been named indoor and outdoor WAC/Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year 19 times. He has been an Olympics coach in Barcelona (1992) and in Atlanta (1996).

Brother Hirschi is a 1999 recipient of BYU's Circle of Honor award. He has served in numerous Church callings, including athletic director, bishop, and stake presidency counselor. His hobby has been historical research on the Southern Utah and Arizona Strip areas, including collecting oral histories from elderly residents of those areas.

Willard Hirschi and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of four children.

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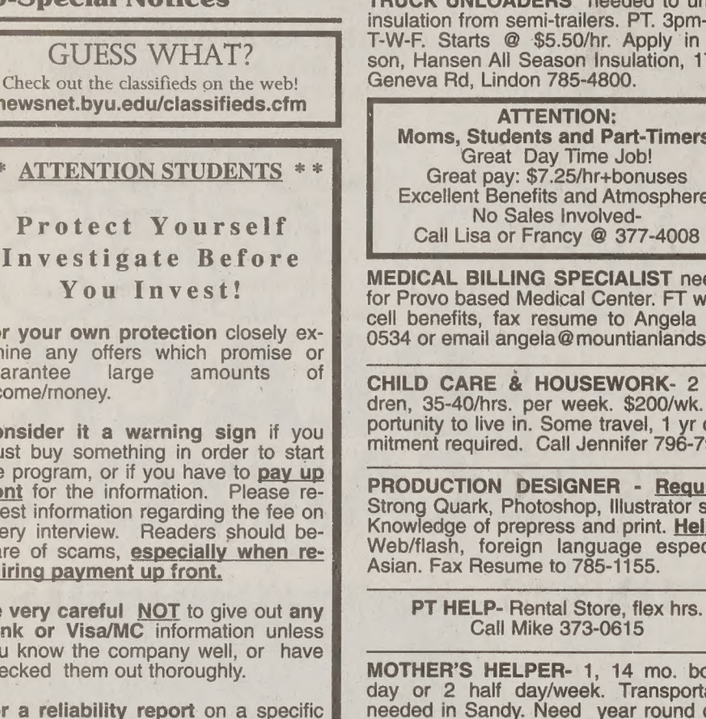

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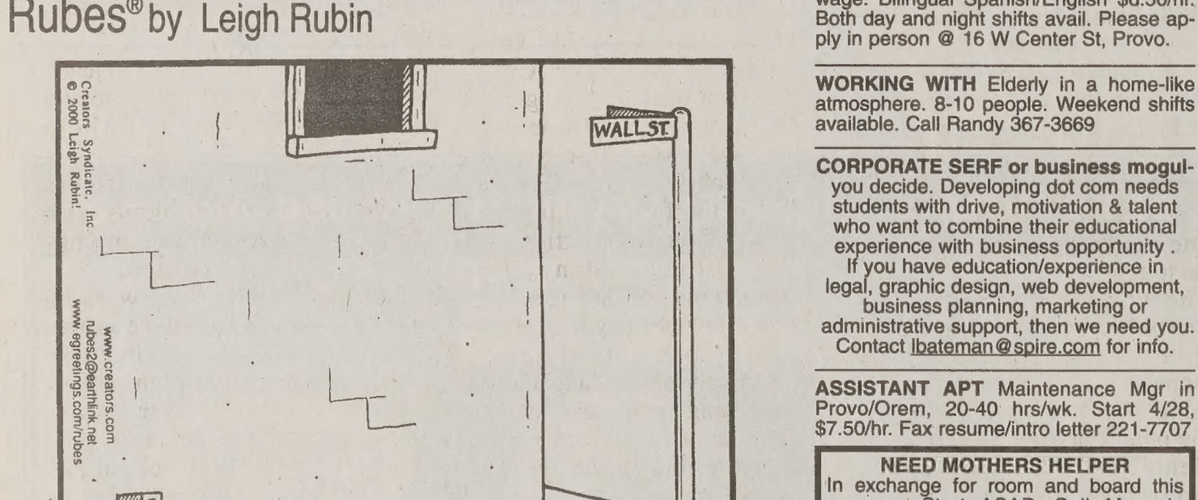

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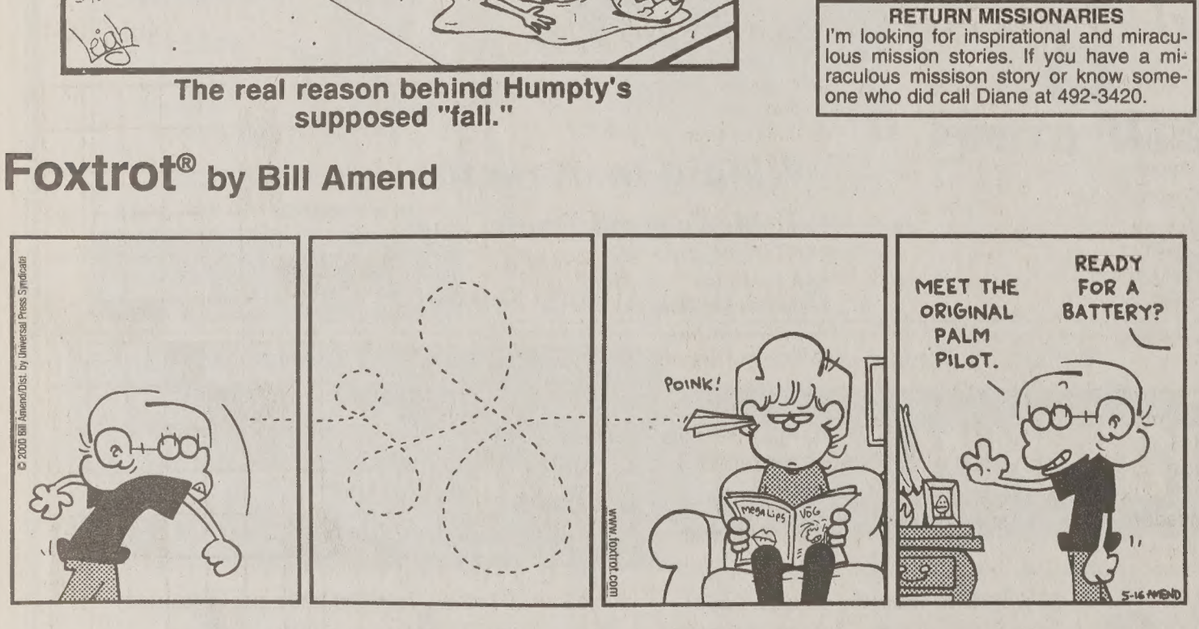
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Crowds gathered Sunday at the Salt Lake City and County building for the local version of the Million Mom March. Attendance estimates ranged as high as 2,000.

The main national event in Washington, D.C., was organized to pressure Congress to enact legislation requiring gun licensing and training.

National organizers expected 100,000 participants, but they estimated actual attendance at 500,000.

Salt Lake City's march was one of several smaller marches held in cities around the country.

Politicians and survivors of gun violence spoke at the march, urging lawmakers to take a common-sense approach to gun legislation.

The Million Mom March dramatizes common sense in Utah, but that common sense does not prevail in the legislature, said Rep. Dave Jones of Salt Lake City.

Jones challenged the legislature to keep loaded firearms out of schools and churches and to impose reasonable limitations on gun owners.

Also on hand at the City-County building was a small but vocal group protesting gun-control legislation.

Members of this group said that new legislation is not needed. They feel that the present laws need to be better enforced.

Kelly Tranfield of Orem said "good guns" are needed in the hands of school administrators.

"If guns are kept from schools then we may as well put a big target on the schools for criminals," Tranfield said.

Trigger locks were another source of concern.

Lorietta Frandsen of Sandy said she would not be able to adequately protect herself if an intruder entered her home. She said it would be too time consuming to remove the lock.

The man organizing the protestors, who would only give the name "Militia Bob," said he feels that every measure to restrict gun use is another step toward an all out ban on firearm use.

He said he wonders how registration of law-abiding citizens will keep children safe from criminals and feels that his Second Amendment rights are being violated.

Retired Brig. Gen. Gil Iker spoke at the march and said that there were times when he needed to carry a concealed weapon during his time in the military.

Iker said proper training is necessary for effective firearm use and that Utah laws are too lax in their requirements.

"As a soldier, I'm appalled that the Legislature allows citizens to be put at risk by the actions of untrained, unskilled, unprofessional amateurs who think their concealed weapons entitle them to play Rambo," Iker said.

Iker also said the gun lobby is perverting the Second Amendment to put the rights of gun owners above the rights of other citizens.

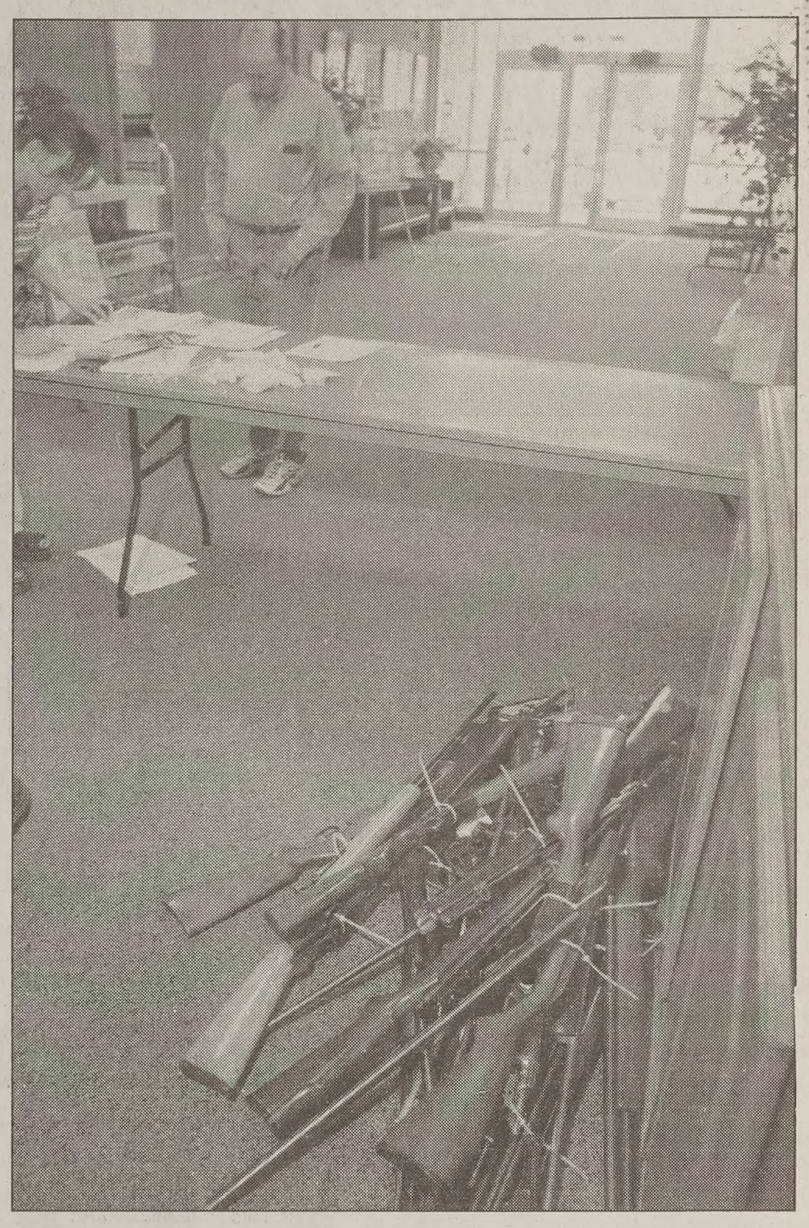
Rebecca Oyer of Salt Lake City was the driving force behind the Salt Lake City event.

After seeing the Million Mom March Web site, she contacted national headquarters and found that a local event had not been planned. Oyer volunteered and organized the event.

The goal of the march was of particular interest to her.

"Licensing and registration puts a block between the legal and the illegal. ... We want to reduce the ability for criminals to purchase guns," Oyer said.

Oyer also said the Million Mom March organization will be "taking off the oven mitts," and beginning work as a lobby group to get Congress and the legislature to enact effective gun-control legislation.



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A pile of guns from Thursday's gun buyback program is now in the hands of the police. The Provo Police Department, bought back guns from residents who did not want them anymore. Police received 233 guns through the program.

Provo police collect weapons from residents

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The Provo Police Department collected 233 handguns and rifles as well as several knives and BB guns during their buyback program Thursday.

Through the program, weapons were sold to the police anonymously and without consequence in exchange for $50 gift certificates to the Provo Towne Centre mall.

Provo's gun buybacks have been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as one of the most successful buyback programs in the West.

Housing and Urban Development secretary Andrew Cuomo highlighted the Provo program in the department's newsletter as one of the best small-city efforts in the country.

Within the first 15 minutes of Thursday's buyback, officers had bought 30 guns. Many of the guns were old and damaged.

Only a few of the guns gathered did not work, but almost all would likely cause danger to the person firing them if ever used.

"It takes a lot to make a gun inoperable, but it does not take much to make it dangerous," Officer Eric Knutzen said.

Police have also had six illegal guns turned in. The guns are destroyed by Geneva Steel free of charge.

Nearly half of the guns collected were brought in by senior citizens, many of them widows who no longer wanted their husbands' guns.

Many women brought their children when they turned in their guns as a learning experience about the importance of gun safety.

Provo police are working on several other projects to promote responsible gun ownership and reduce gun violence.

"We're trying to reach out to the community, and it's great when the community reaches back," said Alan Payne of the Provo Police Department.

Officers go into schools to teach children about what police do and what children can do to help reduce crime.

During these talks, officers speak out about problems with guns and the importance of children not playing with guns.

Police have also been working in high schools to reduce crime. The department has an in-house officer in each of the high schools and junior high schools in Provo.

After instituting the new programs, Provo High School has not had any weapons problems this school year, Officer Keith Roland said.

Mortgage rates reach 5-year high

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Fifteen- and 30-year fixed mortgage rates are the highest they have been since March 1995.

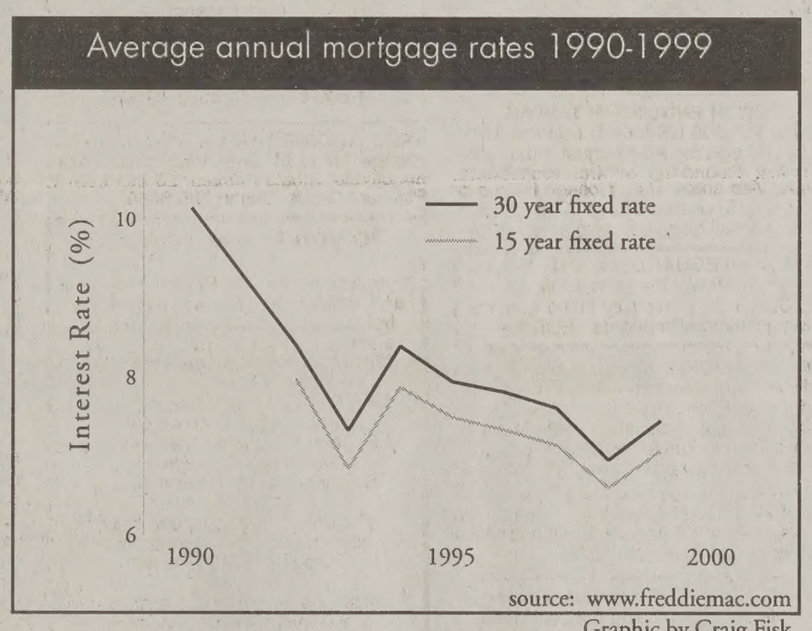
The 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 8.52 percent for the week of May 12, according to a survey by Freddie Mac, the second largest mortgage financier in the United States.

The survey also reported that the 15-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 8.17 percent for the same week.

Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac's chief economist, said long-term mortgage rates jumped this week because of anticipation that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates due to recent data about increased inflation.

Van Order also said the upcoming results of the Producer Price Index, as well as the Consumer Price Index, will indicate the rate of inflation, which will directly affect future mortgage rates.

Long-term mortgage rates have steadily increased since January. Bloomberg News predicts that the rates may soon cross the 9 percent mark.



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According to Bloomberg, monthly payments on a 30-year $200,000 fixed rate mortgage at 9 percent are $131 more than the same mortgage amount at 8 percent, which is what the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged at the beginning of this year. In 1998, when the mortgage rate reached a 30-year low at 6.5 percent, monthly payments on the same mortgage were $345 less than today.

The volume of refinancing loans issued by Moneyline Lending, a mortgage brokerage, has dropped by 20 percent since the beginning of the year, said company president Even Gentry.

Gentry said his company is doing more home purchasing loans and second mortgages instead of refinancing loans.

Fed to dump cold water on inflationary fires today

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Worried that a booming economy is about to spawn inflation troubles, the Federal Reserve will administer double its normal dose of interest rate medicine on Tuesday, many economists are predicting.

They expect the central bank to boost a key interest rate by half a percentage point, instead of the usual quarter-point.

"The Fed's view is that they really have to get serious about hiking rates," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York.

The reason for the newfound urgency is a string of economic reports showing the economy is zooming ahead despite widespread predictions of a slowdown.

Unemployment has fallen below 4 percent for the first time in 30 years, and economic growth from January through March came in at a sizzling 5.4 percent.

Monday, the government reported that industrial production in April rose 0.9 percent, the strongest advance in 20 months.

Because of all the strength, economists have been busily revising their forecasts. The National Association for Business Economics now expects the gross domestic product to increase by a remarkable 4.9 percent this year.

Dormant inflation has allowed the central bank to let the good times roll without worrying too much about cooling things off with higher interest rates.

But there are indications that inflation pressures are beginning to mount. Wages and benefits increased this year at the fastest pace in eight years, seemingly confirming Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's repeated worries that tight labor markets will eventually translate into inflationary wage demands.

"The free lunch we have enjoyed with inflation is clearly over," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Bank One Corp. in Chicago. "We now have growth with a price, rising inflation and rising interest rates."

The combination of continued strong growth and new signs of inflation are leading analysts to predict that the Fed will boost the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 6.5 percent. Since last June the Fed has increased the funds rate from 4.75 percent to 6 percent currently.

"There is always the risk that the Fed could go too far, but there is so much momentum in the economy right now that we don't see them tightening enough to trigger a downturn," said David Wyss, senior economist at Standard & Poor's DRI.

Crossword

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4 Sprightly dances
8 Egypt's Sadat
13 Designer Cassini
15 Taj Mahal site
16 Bellini opera
17 Caretaker for a baby
18 Sticky stuff
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20 Austrian observance of April 30
23 Meadow
24 Like wind chimes
25 British observance of April 23
31 Onetime Argentine leader
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33 How to address a Fr. lady
36 The Emerald Isle
37 Airport abbr.
38 Ukraine's capital
39 Prevail
40 Fisher's rental
42 Stretched tight
43 Indian observance of April 13
45 Connecting strips of land
48 Trivial Pursuit need
49 United States observance of April 14
55 Perform penance
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59 Deluxe sheet material
60 One-liner, e.g.
61 Aggregate
62 Golf great Sam
63 Stout relatives
64 Mack or Danson

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1 Ages and ages
2 Order at KFC
3 Pitcher Alejandro
4 Black-spotted cat
5 Composer Stravinsky
6 Seaman's quaff
7 H. H. Munro's pseudonym
8 Biblical liar
9 Zilch
10 Jalopy
11 Menotti hero
12 Worn-out
14 Old fighting vessel
21 Lowly worker
22 Rules: Abbr.
25 Gush forth
26 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
27 Happy face
28 Accra's land
29 Bobble
30 Newswoman Tabitha
33 Warship danger
34 Tableland
35 At any time
38 Excited
40 Praise
41 "I cannot tell ___"
42 Double
43 Grammy-winning Twain
44 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer, 1967
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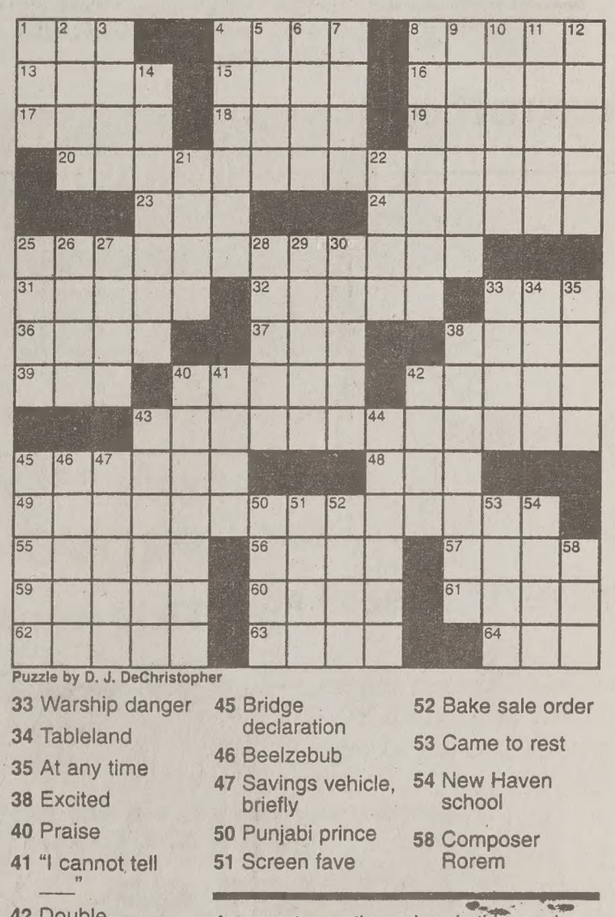

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Special Olympics torch run lights up Utah

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The torch is lit and on its way.

Law enforcement officers and volunteers will run the Utah Special Olympics torch through Iron and Washington counties today as the torch continues its trek through the state to raise funds for Utah Special Olympics athletes and teams.

Wednesday it will begin traveling north through the eastern counties of Utah.

Police officers, athletes and volunteers gathered at the Provo Tabernacle on Friday to start the torch on its 1,600-mile journey through nearly every county in Utah.

Russell Sidwell, 29, a Special Olympics athlete from Orem, greeted volunteers and thanked them on behalf of all Utah Special Olympics participants for their support.

Sidwell said he has run with the officers for 10 years, and while it is a fun thing to do, the main thing is the support it stimulates for the Special Olympics.

"Sponsors are very important. The Special Olympics wouldn't be able to continue without (them), and we appreciate them for that," Sidwell said.

Six other athletes, one wearing a gold medal around her neck, climbed into the back of an old-fashioned fire truck to accompany nearly two dozen officers and volunteers on the run through Provo.

Sidwell was given the honor of carrying the lit torch, and the runners started down University Avenue with the fire truck in the lead and several police cars, lights flashing, bringing up the rear.

Two hours later, after the torch had been run through Provo and passed on to BYU police, Springville officers and volunteers awaited the coming of the torch.

BYU security officer Matt Gehring said helping with the Special Olympics is something he has always wanted to do, and since he did not know if he could help with the games themselves, he though the torch run would be a good way to get involved.

Gehring said this is the first year they have offered the opportunity to security officers on campus, and two of them participated.

"Despite all the distance, it was actually pretty fun," Gehring said.

Officer Dell Gordon of Springville has participated in the torch run for 16 or 17 years, ever since the event began in Utah. He said that just being involved with it every year has been a fulfilling experience.

The run, which culminates June 1 when the torch is run into the BYU outdoor track to begin the summer games, is a fundraiser organized almost entirely by law enforcement officials.

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BYU officer Matt Andrus carries the Special Olympics torch in a torch run which benefits the Special Olympics.

Homicide statistics vary

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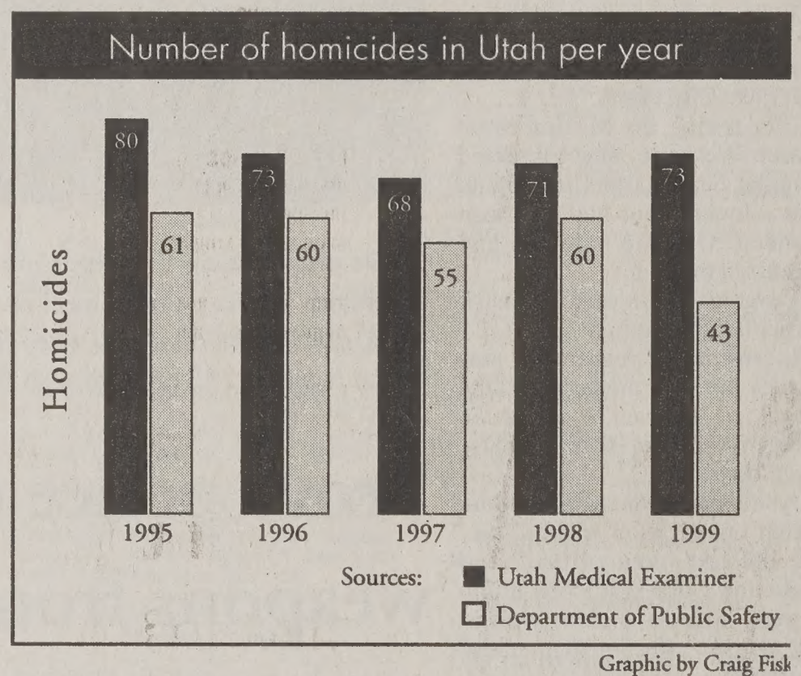

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Governor Leavitt's claim that Utah crime rates are dropping may be misleading.

According to the Utah Department of Public Safety, the number of homicides fell from 60 in 1998 to 43 in 1999, the lowest number reported since Utah began collecting crime data in 1978.

However, the Utah Medical Examiner counted 73 homicides in 1999, up from 71 in 1998.

Governor Leavitt's claim is based on numbers from the Department of Public Safety.

The 30-homicide difference, the largest in five years, is caused by a difference in definitions.

The Department of Public Safety defines homicide as "the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another."

The Utah Medical Examiner calls homicide "a death resulting from an intentional action by another person."

Although the definitions sound similar, the statistics are not.

All 14 people killed by police in Utah in 1999 were not counted in Department of Public Safety records, but are counted as homicide victims at the medical examiner's office.

"We don't count anything that's considered a justifiable homicide," said Adrienne Sowards of the Department of Public Safety.

Although the department does not count killing in self-defense as a homicide, the medical examiner's office does, she said.

The Department of Public Safety also does not count alcohol-related traffic deaths or incidents on federal property as homicides.

The 30-homicide discrepancy is related to the number of justifiable deaths and alcohol-related traffic deaths not counted by the Department of Public Safety, Sowards said.

Novell celebrates building openin

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The most heavily-wired building in Utah is officially in operation.

Novell's eight-story building, which is wired with 400 miles of fiber optic cable, is a characterization of its future growth and commitment to employees, clients, and the community, Novell CEO Eric Schmidt said.

Gov. Mike Leavitt and Rep. Chris Cannon joined Schmidt on Friday for the grand opening of Building H, Novell's newest Provo building.

Schmidt said the new building exceeds expectations and will be an asset to Novell's growth as a worldwide company.

In addition to 1,212 employee workstations, Building H is the home of the Logically Interconnected Novell Knowledge control center, the Corporate Data Center, and an 18,000 square foot Executive Briefing Center.

LINK is Novell's "mission control," equipped with a full wall of information screens and rows of computers, said LaNae Maughan, LINK manager.

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Gov. Mike Leavitt, left, talks with Novell CEO Eric Schmidt during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Novell's newest building.

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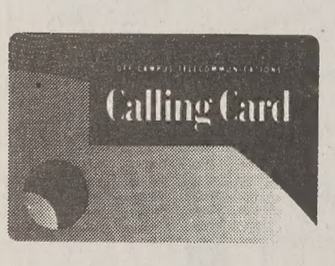

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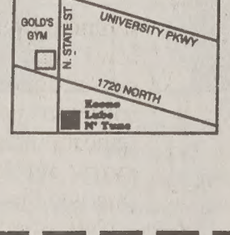

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